(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government against such airlines; and

(c) whether Government has any proposal for airlines operating in the country to compensate the passengers in case of last minute cancellation of flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has issued a Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) wherein airlines are required to refund the tickets in case of cancellation of flights.

All Weather landing System

2011. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware that All Weather Landing System is essential in the North Eastern Region, considering the national exigency as and when it may arise;

(b) what are the special landing facilities available in the airports of the North Eastern Region; and

(c) whether night landing facilities would be made available at all the airports situated in the border areas of North Eastern Region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The special landing facilities available in the airports of the North Eastern Region (NER) are Instrument Landing System (ILS), Ground Lighting Facility (GLF) and Night Operation. ILS facility is available at Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Agartala, Imphal, Silchar and Dimapur airports. GLF is available at Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Agartala, Lilabari, Dimapur Lengpui, Imphal, Shillong, Silchar, Tezpur and Jorhat airports. Night Operation is available at Guwahati and Agartala airports.

(c) All the airports managed by Airports Authority of India in the border areas of NER have been provided with GLF or ILS.

Exorbitant fare changed by private airlines

2012. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that during vacation and festivals like Diwali, there is no control on the pricing by private airlines;

(b) whether Government is aware that recently during Diwali, Air India and Jet Airways were charging their normal fares, but airlines like Spice Jet, Indigo and Go Air were charging more than double the normal rates; and

(c) what action Government plans to take against such Airlines exploiting such situations to keep them under control and whether Government is planning to introduce price regulatory mechanism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Air fares are not regulated and airlines are not required to file fares with Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). Airlines are free to charge air fares as per the market forces.

Skidding of aircraft at Mumbai airport

2013. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken cognizance of mishap at Mumbai airport on 10 November, 2009 causing skidding of an aircraft of a private airlines;

(b) whether it is due to just the short runway or a worrying lack of coordination between airlines, the airport operator and Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA);

(c) whether DGCA had issued instructions a day before the incident took place to the airlines and Mumbai International Airport Limited to suspend operations on shortened runway under wet conditions;

(d) the reasons of not complying the security measures by private airlines; and

(e) the steps Government proposes to take against the pilots involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. An incident of M/s Kingfisher Airlines ATR-72 aircraft VT-KAC skidding off wet runway at Mumbai airport was reported on 10.11.2009, which is being investigated as per the provision contained in the Aircraft Rules, 1937.

(c) All the scheduled operators were informed on 09.11.2009 about the precautions to be observed while using Runway 27A under wet condition, followed by issuance of circular dated 10.11.2009.

(d) and (e) The incident is under investigation and follow up action will be taken based on the recommendations made in the investigation report. Meanwhile, the privileges of licences held by operating crew have been suspended pending investigation under Aircraft Rules.

Subsidy for Haj pilgrims

2014. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides subsidized air travel by the national carrier to the Haj pilgrims sponsored by Haj Committee;